

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 92.

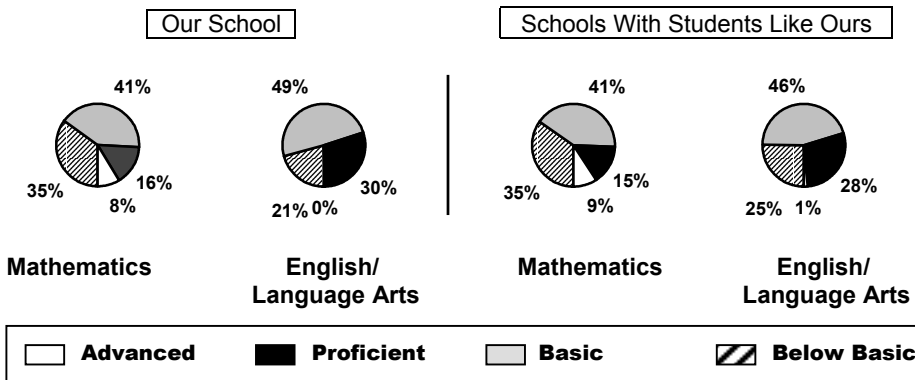
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=260)	79.2	65	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=15)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=244)	80.3	66.4		
Gender				
Male (n=134)	79.9	69.4		
Female (n=125)	79.2	60.8		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=37)	54.1	40.5		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=219)	83.6	69.4		
Other (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=135)	74.8	55.6		
Pay for lunch (n=124)	84.7	75.8		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,114	N/A	\$5,186	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.7%	Down from 92%	90.1%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	N/A	18.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=588)				
• Attendance Rate	96.6%	Up from 96.5%	96%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.1%	N/A	4.2%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.7%	N/A	3.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	89.5%	Up from 87.3%	96.6%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.8%	Up from 1.8%	3.9%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=44)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.8 Days	Down from 6	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.8%	Down from 96.1%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	56.8%	Down from 57.1%	45%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	88.6%	Down from 90.5%	85.1%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.3%	Down from 90.4%	88.2%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,585	Up 5.8%	\$36,996	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	68.4%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	66.1%	N/A	95.7%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	43.4%	Up from 25.1%	46%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0%	1.3%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	14.1%	Down from 16.4%	9.9%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.5%	Up from 5.1%	8.5%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The 2000-01 school year was an exciting year at Congaree Elementary. The year included new experiences for our kindergarten teachers, aides and children who moved to the Congaree-Wood Early Childhood Center in January and our first grade teachers who moved there in May. Congaree students and teachers worked hard, and we are proud of our accomplishments.

- *Mrs. Jett was recognized as one of the four district teachers to receive National Board Certification.
- *Four teachers attended Roper Mountain Science Institute.
- *Seven staff members participated in the SC Governors Reading Initiative.
- *We received an EIA Grant, "Thoughts, Wonder, and Connections for Literacy Circles."
- *Mrs. Myers was selected to serve as our Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Williams was selected to serve as Staff Member of the Year.
- *A computer lab with twenty-five computers was established. We will provide weekly instruction in our lab for all students in the 2001-02 year.
- *Our average daily attendance met our goal of 96%.
- *Harvest Hope Food Bank recognized us for having the "Best School Food Drive" in the Columbia area and for our penny collection.
- *Eight fifth graders received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.
- *R.O.P.E.S. - A program for Rewarding Outstanding Pupil Effort and Success in the areas of attendance, academics, and effort was initiated this year.

We appreciate the hard work of our parents. Our volunteers logged 2355 hours working at Congaree. Our SIC members and PTO worked hard as we continued to involve parents in our school. We implemented Family Nights this year in Reading, Math, and Science, and we continued to offer Parenting Classes. 74% of our parents attended a parent/teacher conference during the year. We also held events such as Field Day, a Science Fair, Mayfest, and our Awards Day for families to attend and enjoy.

Congaree Elementary believes that we are responsible for providing a quality education for each student and helping each child to become a productive citizen. We teach our children that "Character Counts at Congaree."

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	94.1	78.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	79.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	94.1	87.1	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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1221 Ramblin Road
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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 588 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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